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# Heber Studies Ways To Cope With Growth

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HEBER CITY—Unsnarling a multitude of problems created by a building boom is the large task handed to Heber City's new planning commission.

The five-member board—three men and two women—was set up by the city council two weeks ago after a building influx and ineffective ordinances have caused massive problems.

"Heber City's appeal has been a rural one. I'd like to see it remain that way and believe that is the feeling of the entire community," Walter Montgomery, commission chairman, commented. He

said the group will make a complete study before any decisions are made.

According to Montgomery, commission members have been doing their homework by studying existing ordinances and needs in preparation for their first meeting Thursday.

One of the most pressing problems facing the group centers around the annexation of subdivision areas to the city.

"I'm not in favor of taxing the people of Heber City to pay for the development of these areas. Our sewers, water, roads, sidewalks, etc., are at capacity now. After the developer pays for these improvements, I think we should

take a look at annexation," Montgomery said.

The new commission chairman served as a member of the Wasatch County Commission in 1967 when the group established county zoning, which included circling Wasatch State Park with a buffer zone to prohibit unplanned building.

According to Montgomery, Heber City's growth problems are compounded by the old city lines running through the middle of blocks. It may be easiest to lay out new ordinances entirely, he said.

Other members of the commission include LaRen Provost, Mrs. Wayne (Clarissa) Murdock, Ralph Giles, Mrs. Leo (Deon) Hatch, and Jerry Parker.

